

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF TENNESSEE,
EASTERN DISTRICT

JOHN DOE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No.:3:18-CV-00411-CLC-DCP
)	Jury Demanded
vs.)	
)	Judge Collier
ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF)	
MEDICINE; ADTLEM CORPORATION)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

In accordance with F.R.C.P. 15 and Rule LR15.1 Form of a Motion to Amend and Its Supporting Documentation, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Plaintiff moves to amend his original Complaint as proposed in the Amended Complaint filed contemporaneously with this Motion. As grounds for this Motion, Plaintiff would show that Defendants have raised the sufficiency of Plaintiffs' pleadings for failure to state a claim in the original Complaint. Although Plaintiff does not concede that Defendants' are correct in such argument, Rule 15 and equity requires that Plaintiffs be allowed to amend their Complaint to address the Defendants' arguments and to clarify allegations in lieu of a dismissal on a matter which does not go to the merits of Plaintiff's claims.

Plaintiffs submit that no leave should be required to file their Amended Complaint as Defendants filed a motion to dismiss in lieu of an answer. As per *Fed. R. Civ. P.* 15(a)(1), amendments as a matter of right can be forestalled only by the service of a responsive pleading:

A party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course:

(A) before being served with a responsive pleading ...

A "responsive pleading" is solely one of the pleadings mentioned in Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a), which is limited to:

- (1) a complaint;
- (2) an answer to a complaint;
- (3) an answer to a counterclaim designated as a counterclaim;
- (4) an answer to a crossclaim;
- (5) a third-party complaint;
- (6) an answer to a third-party complaint; and
- (7) if the court orders one, a reply to an answer.

Id.

All other responses, such as a motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment, do not suffice. PNC Sec. Corp. v. Finanz-Und GMBH-Liedgens, 1996 U.S. App. LEXIS 30183, 17 (6th Cir. 1996). In addition, amendments to a complaint to remedy defective allegations of jurisdiction are freely permitted where necessary to avoid dismissal on purely technical grounds, unless the record clearly indicates that the complaint could not be saved by any truthful amendment. Miller v. Davis, 507 F.2d 308 (6th Cir. 1974).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that they be allowed to file their proposed Amended Complaint as attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of December 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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